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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 20, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by September 20, 2003. The Applicants are filing a one-month extension extending the response time to October 20, 2003 The response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.